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1. On 24 March 1951, the Marstall Kaserne in Ludwigslust (M 51/T 53) [] quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and artillery insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. From 350 to 400 troops were engaged in rifle drill at platoon level, while about 50 soldiers repaired trucks. About 80 other soldiers practiced with six medium mortars.

2. On 12 March, the quarters at Techontin airfield were occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, and signal insignia. Five officers and about 40 soldiers were engaged in subcaliber firing practice with T-34 tanks [] in the tank training area south of the airfield. One Senior Lieutenant Annatoli, (fnu), wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and claimed to belong to an SP artillery unit. Commanding officers of units at the airfield [] were Colonel Kodinko, (fnu), and Lieutenant Colonel Malinkov, (fnu), both of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and Lieutenant Colonel Portnov, (fnu), who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. []

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* Comment. []

The SP artillery unit mentioned in the present report probably belongs to the 119th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 18th Necz Div which is carried at Techontin airfield. []

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